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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 33-64 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 56-61 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 33-35, 38, 41-48, 51, 53-55 and 62-64 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 36, 37, 39, 40, 49, 50 and 52 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed July 9, 2007 and the remarks presented therewith have been carefully considered. In view of the newly found prior art, a new non-final rejection follows below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 33, 35, 38, 41, 42, 44, 62, and 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bufkin (3,847,040).

Bufkin shows an apparatus comprising a jaw body (24), an insert assembly (29,31) indirectly supported by the jaw body, and a cam member (30) disposed between the jaw body and insert assembly such that a first cam surface (i.e. half of the cylindrical surface facing the insert assembly) allows rotational movement between the insert assembly and the cam member and a second cam surface (i.e. the remaining half cylindrical surface facing the jaw body) allows rotational movement between the jaw body and cam member. The Bufkin apparatus inherently “grips” a pipe as the insert assemblies travel toward stops (26).

3. Claims 33-35, 38, 42-48, 51, 53-55, 62, and 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gazel-Anthoine (5,271,298).

Gazel-Anthoine shows a device comprising a jaw body in the form of ring (38), a cam member (18) having a first cam surface (32) and a second cam surface (36), insert (30), and support plates (22).

4. Claims 33-35, 38, 42, 44-48, 51, 53, 55, and 62-64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dlask et al. (6,070,500).

The patent to Dlask et al. shows an apparatus comprising a jaw body (22), inserts (40) having teeth (50), and a cam member (30) having a first cam surface (34) and a second cam surface (32).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 36, 37, 39, 40, 49, 50, and 52 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 56-61 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dean J. Kramer whose telephone number is (571) 272-6926. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saul Rodriguez can be reached on (571) 272-7097. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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